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No. I.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Happy New Year! Joyful season
May it be through all the year!
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And from all life's worries free.
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THE OLD-FASHIONED Snapdragon, known as *Antirrhinum majus*, is a native of continental Europe, but many years ago was naturalized in England.

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For a century or more the Snapdragon received only the ordinary attention of the florist, and but lit-

tle advancement was made in developing the plants and flowers to an improved standard. But within the past decade the hybridist and florist have been giving the Snapdragon special attention, and a race of varieties has been developed that is a great improvement upon the old-fashioned kinds. Some varieties are dwarf, growing to an even height, forming an excellent edging to a flower-border. Others are of medium height, branching freely and forming spikes of splendid large flowers in a great variety of shades and variegations. Still others become giant plants, three feet high, exhibiting huge spikes of very large flowers of the most handsome and brilliant colors.

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Crotons.—Crotons are beautiful, variegated foliage plants, of a tropical nature, and require a warm, even temperature in winter, and in summer a warm, moist atmosphere to grow well. They are not generally considered desirable plants for the amateur because of their tender character.

Non-blooming Geraniums.—When seedling Geraniums fail to bloom, bed them out in the spring in a sandy soil, enriched with bonedust, and in a sunny situation. Keep watered during dry weather. If they fail to bloom during the summer, do not lift them in the autumn, as it is better to grow free-blooming plants, even if you have to buy named varieties from a florist.

About Hyacinths.—Hyacinths may be planted at any time before the ground freezes up, or they may even be placed upon the surface of frozen ground and covered with earth taken from beneath the frozen surface, then cover the bed with stable litter. Such bulbs will bloom freely and almost as well as those earlier planted, but will bloom later in spring. Double-flowered Hyacinths will not turn to single flowers. When conditions are not right the double flowers will approach single flowers in form. Hyacinth bulbs do not need to be frozen before they bloom, as is generally recommended.

Failure with Crown Imperial.—Bulbs of Crown Imperial, known as *Fritillaria Imperialis*, are very sensitive to rough treatment and must be handled very carefully. If a bulb even falls to the floor from the hand, it will likely get such a bruise as will cause it to decay. Perhaps one-half of the bulbs planted fail to grow on account of their sensitive character. When once established, however, they will live for generations and increase with age until the bulb becomes a large clump of bulbs, blooming every season. The plants are beautiful and the flowers curious and showy. It should be in every collection of bulbs. It is well to get the bulbs as early in the season as possible and plant them as soon as they are received.

ABOUT HIBISCUS.

HIBISCUS COCCINEUS SPLENDENS, commonly known as Crimson Eye Hibiscus, as also Hibiscus moscheutos, Hibiscus Syriacus, and other species are readily propagated from seeds. Hibiscus rosa-sinensis in variety, such as Peachblow and grandiflora, are propagated from cuttings made of half-ripened wood, as are also the varieties of hardy Hibiscus Syriacus, commonly known as Althea. The seeds germinate readily and the cuttings form groups in a short time when conditions are favorable. The cuttings should be made three or four inches long, and inserted in sand or sandy soil, leaving the eye above the surface. They should be shaded or kept in a moist atmosphere until the roots form, when they may be potted. As a rule, Hibiscus moscheutos and Crimson Eye like a deep, moist soil and sunny situation. Hibiscus moscheutos thrives in a boggy place where the sun has full access to it. The same may be said of Hibiscus coccineus. Hibiscus Syriacus becomes a small tree, ten to twelve feet high, branching and blooming throughout the summer and autumn. It is perfectly hardy. In the far South Hibiscus rosa-sinensis is a beautiful everblooming shrub, showing its bright bloom throughout the winter season as well as in summer. This Hibiscus is also a handsome pot plant at the North, and will bloom in the window during winter. It can be bedded out also in summer or the pot plunged in a sunny situation. It is an evergreen and deserves to be popular.



PEACHBLOW HIBISCUS.

Chrysanthemums in Winter.—The Hardy Chrysanthemums should be set in a protected place, as at the east or south side of a wall or building. Here they will be protected from the late frosts and the flowers will remain in bloom much longer. When thus protected the plants are generally hardy, and will survive the winter. If growing in an open, exposed situation, some temporary protection should be given on cold and frosty nights while the flowers are in bloom. Later, when winter sets in, throw some garden rubbish over the plants, and allow it to remain until spring, then remove and cut off the tops, when new shoots will appear from the ground for the next season's display. Even greenhouse varieties may be kept over outdoors in this way.

Rose Enemies.—The thrip, jumping flea, also aphis, slug and white fly, can be eradicated from Roses by lime-sulphur solution added to tobacco, and applied in a fine spray to both sides of the foliage.

NON-BLOOMING PÆONIES.

A SUBSCRIBER in Kansas complains that her Pæonies start to make growth in the spring, but die off as soon as hot weather comes. The plants grow thriftily for a little while, but do not form buds, and the foliage turns brown by midsummer. Not knowing the conditions, it is impossible to state the cause; but I will state that Pæonies should be set with the crown at the surface of the ground, or at least very little below the surface. The roots should penetrate deep into the soil, and each year they should become larger and stronger, and the clumps more vigorous. A sunny situation should be given the plants, and an open, porous soil with good drainage. If the drainage is clogged, and the soil becomes sour, the plants will do no good. If the soil is charged with alkali, the plants will not flower. When plants fail to bloom it is a safe remedy to apply a dressing of quicklime to the soil, and stir it in about the plants. This will neutralize the acid that is in the soil, and will tend to change the alkali into a substance that will make it less deleterious to the plant, and at the same time bring the soil into a condition that will promote its fertility. As hot weather approaches mulch with stable litter, or even fresh mown grass, that which comes off a lawn; it will be found beneficial in keeping the soil cool and moist, and prevent the drying of the foliage. By heeding these suggestions, anyone should succeed with Pæonies.

Non-Blooming Lilac.—There is no truth in the assertion that the Lilacs transplanted will not bloom for seven years. If the conditions are favorable it will begin to bloom as soon as it becomes established in the soil. The plant likes a sunny situation and good, rich, rather sandy soil. In a shady situation, or in tenacious or sour soil, or soil that is impregnated with alkali, it will often fail to bloom. The remedy in that case is to transplant to a sunny, open situation, and stir a liberal amount of lime into the surface soil about the plant. If the soil is poor, enrich it with bonedust or phosphate. The same may be said of the non-blooming Chinese Pæonies, and the same treatment is recommended.

About Ferns.—The best soil for Ferns is a compost of woods earth, leaf mould and sand, with a little well-decayed manure intermixed. Good drainage should be secured by placing charcoal lumps or broken crockery at the bottom of the pot, with a thin layer of Sphagnum Moss over, to prevent the soil from clogging the drainage. Ferns like plenty of moisture, but few kinds will endure insufficient drainage and stagnant water about the roots. When the fronds are eaten at night by some enemy spray the foliage with water, to which has been added arsenate of lead, in the proportion of one ounce of arsenate to three gallons of water.

HARDY BULBS ROTTING.

IN PLANTING Hyacinths, Tulips and Narcissus, it is well to see that the soil is sandy, porous and well-drained. It is not a bad plan to place a handful of sand around each bulb. In spring, when blooming, always cut the stems above the ground, using a sharp knife, if you wish to take the flowers. If Hyacinth and Narcissus stems are pulled, they will often separate at the center of the bulb, thus exposing it and causing decay. If the soil in which the hardy bulbs are growing is tenacious and not sufficiently drained, and the season for bloom should be a wet one, many of the bulbs will decay during the summer. The remedy for this trouble is to lift the bulbs as soon as the foliage fades, dry them off, store in paper bags, in a warm, dry cellar, replanting them in the autumn. It should be borne in mind, however, that the improved large-flowered Hyacinths and Tulips are not as hardy as the old-fashioned kinds grown by our grandmothers, and will not endure the conditions under which the old-fashioned varieties grew and bloomed. The varieties, too, vary in hardiness. Some are tender and will not endure the conditions under which others thrive and last for years.

American Linden.—*Tilia Americana*, the American Linden, is a beautiful, summer-blooming, native tree, desirable for shade as well as for timber. The flowers are honey-producing, and on this account the trees are prized by the apiarian, the honey being of the finest quality. It is not an evergreen, but a deciduous tree, dropping its foliage in autumn, and donning it in the spring. It is one of the trees that should be more popular.



Dusty Miller.—*Cineraria maritima* is the scientific name for Dusty Miller. It is a hardy plant somewhat spreading in growth, and is grown for its silvery foliage. It is mostly used as an edging plant, and to promote the beauty of the foliage the flower buds are picked off as fast as they appear. The best variety is the one known as Diamond. The plants are readily propagated either from seeds or cuttings, and when once started will make a fine display the first season. To have a dense or bushy growth the branches should be occasionally pinched back.

Coffee Nut.—This is the common name of the seeds of *Gymnocladus Canadensis*, a beautiful native tree of Kentucky, often used as a shade tree. The beans are so called because they were used by the early settlers as a substitute for coffee.

VINES FOR SHADE.

FOR A HIGH board fence or wall or the north side of a building, or in dense shade, the common Parlor Ivy will thrive and make a dense array of foliage.



Adlumia cirrhosa

bloom. Once started, however, the plants will re-seed themselves and keep up the supply without further attention. These vines must have support in order to climb. The common Woodbine can be used for a shady place without special support, as it will attach itself to bricks or stone or anything that comes within its reach. It is valuable, however, only for its foliage, and does not have that beautiful carmine tint in autumn when in a shady place.

Non-Blooming Tuberose.—The flowering germ of a Tuberose is very tender, and if the bulb is exposed to dampness and cold, it will decay. Such bulbs will throw up a dense array of foliage, but the flower stem does not appear. The remedy is to take up the bulbs as soon as frost comes, dry them off carefully, wrap in cotton, pack in boxes, and keep in a dry, frost-proof room. In spring take the bulbs out and start them in pots in the house, watering but little until the roots are formed and the plant has begun to grow. The bulbs must not be planted out until the ground is warm, about the first of June at the North, then bed them in a sunny situation, setting them four inches beneath the surface. When hot weather comes, mulch the bed with stable litter. Treated in this way a great majority of the bulbs can be depended upon for flowers, if they are of blooming size.

Non-Blooming Paeony.—A subscriber in Oklahoma has had a Peony eight years, developing buds each year, but the buds turned black and dropped off. The trouble is probably due to alkali in the soil. It would be well to stir some quicklime into the surface soil about the plant, and if a fertilizer is necessary, apply bonedust or phosphate. If the plant is in a shady situation it should be moved to a place fully exposed to the sun, and in summer apply a mulch of stable litter or lawn clippings, or some material that will keep the soil moist and cool and promote the full development of the plant.

BUDDING AND GRAFTING.

ROSES, Peach and other fruit trees can be budded in August, just while the sap is returning and the bark will separate from the wood. Make a cross-cut on the north side of the branch, then slope downward from that cut, turn up the bark; having taken a bud with a leaf stem from a budding tree, force it into the slope against the wood and turn the bark over it, then wrap with raffia or tough Elm bark or even cloth.

Grafting is done in the early spring when the sap is beginning to move upward. Grafts are often taken in autumn, inserted in sand and kept moist until they are wanted for use. As a rule, such fruits as the Pear and Japanese Quince can be grafted upon one another. Stone fruits can also be grafted upon one another. Some of these, however, are not very successful when the graft is different from the stalk. Most of the fruit trees are grafted upon roots, the work being done by laborers when the weather is so inclement that it will not admit of outdoor work. These roots are then planted early in spring, the graft being just above the soil. Roses and shrubbery can be treated in the same manner.

Non-Blooming Roses.—Mrs. Davis, of Massachusetts, has two Rose bushes three years old, large and thrifty, that have never bloomed. It may be that the plants are growing in tenacious, shady soil that has become charged with acid. If so, they should be removed to a sunny situation, in a bed treated with quicklime, and kept well stirred during the early part of the season. When summer comes mulch with stable manure to keep the ground cool and moist and promote full development. Do not cut the plants back, but simply remove dead branches. If the growth is very strong, the plants might be benefited by root-pruning, which consists simply in sinking a spade into the soil a few inches away from the plant, thus severing the roots that tend to a thrifty growth. The free-blooming of Roses is also promoted by a sandy soil, rather than by a tenacious one.

Daisies for a Grave.—The modest little English Daisy is prized by some for cemetery planting. The plants can be raised from seeds sown early in the spring, grown in little pots, and removed to the cemetery when large enough to endure transplanting. By this means they can be taken from the pots and transplanted without disturbing the roots. They should stand about six inches apart each way. The double, large-flowered varieties are the best.

Moss Roses Blasting.—When Moss Roses turn black and fail to develop it is mostly due to a shady or ill-ventilated situation. In a sunny situation, with rich, rather tenacious soil, kept loose and well cultivated and mulched during the summer with stable litter, the flowers will invariably develop.



CHILDREN'S LETTER

MY DEAR CHILDREN:—The other day I was in a crowded trolley car when a young bachelor came in and sat down upon the end seat, facing two young ladies with whom he seemed to be well acquainted. Very soon the three were engaged in animated conversation, and the ladies began to complain of the inconveniences and unhappiness of having wants that were not or could not be satisfied. The matter was jokingly discussed until the condition of the bachelor was inquired about. Perhaps the ladies thought that his one unsupplied need was a partner for life. He was a fine looking, well dressed, and apparently a well-to-do gentleman, with a humorous expression, and as the car was quietly awaiting the starting hour, and no effort made by the trio at suppression, all who sat near were interested to know the bachelor's answer, for the queries were coming to him right and left. He sat in thoughtful silence for a moment, then spoke as follows:

"Well, ladies, I am glad of these inquiries, for it enables me to reveal to you a long-felt want. I have everything else in the world that I feel the need of but one, and if that was supplied I should be perfectly happy, and life would be a pleasant dream. It is the only thing that I care for or want, and I do want it bad; though I am not sure that I shall ever get it."

By this time the curiosity of the ladies was thoroughly aroused, and both asked enthusiastically, as with one voice: "Oh, what is it?" Even the passengers, who could not but hear the conversation, were deeply interested and impatiently awaited the answer, for it was evident that a great secret was about to be made known. Well, what do you suppose the answer was? Just this:

"Oh, I know you girls never could guess it, but I speak in earnest, and I never wanted anything so badly in my life. It is just simply a 75-cent pocket knife. I have never owned such a knife, and I do feel the need of it every day. If I only had that one want supplied I should be the happiest man in the world."

Well, my little friends, what do you think of that? Some of you, who received useful gifts, may have been disappointed the past Christmas, and fretted because the gifts were not more valuable. But here was a man whose perfect happiness depended upon just one little article. The spirit seemed admirable, for some would perhaps have given very much more to insure his happiness.

I want to say right here that happiness does not depend upon the big things of life, but upon the little, ever-day words and deeds. There is really but a step from misery to happiness. The child may be crying in great distress, when a sudden change of mind is induced or conditions favorably altered, bringing happy smiles even while the tear drops are standing in the eyes or trickling down the cheeks. A man is but a grown boy, and there is no doubt but that the wanted knife would afford him a lot of pleasure, though perhaps not as much as his statement implied. But the gift would doubtless afford as much pleasure to the giver as the one who received it, for it is a true saying that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

My little friends, the holiday season is a happy season because of the good will and joy that result from giving and receiving gifts. The gifts may not be large or valuable, for the pleasure comes from the fact that a real want is supplied. The wife of the rich banker, Belmont, writes that her most enjoyable Christmas was when she sent a basketful of eatables and toys to a poor, needy family, the whole comparatively inexpensive, but giving untold joy to the needy parents and children. You all know of the happiness inspired by receiving; why not turn over a new leaf this year, and get a knowledge of the happiness of giving, thus continuing the happiness of the holiday season throughout the entire year, and thus doubling your field of pleasure.

And now, as the growing, sowing season will soon be at hand, and all will be inspired to new hopes and joys by the returning song-birds and the new verdure of the lawns and gardens and fields and forests, why should we not all do what we can to beautify the world and make life happier by gifts of seeds, bulbs and plants to those who know but little about such things, at the same time giving information about their treatment. The uplifting influence of flowers is far-reaching, and silently expands from a home to a whole neighborhood, often notably and favorably changing the character and habits, as well as improving the appearance of the people and their abode. Perhaps there is no gift so far-reaching as that of seeds, bulbs and plants. They afford joy to the one who gives and the one who receives, and their growth and bloom and beauty continue the pleasure for future weeks and months and years, after expanding to untold proportions, and inspiring new ambitions and new habits of life. Your gifts in this way, dear children, may be small, and apparently hardly worth the effort, but the result cannot but be great, enhancing the beauty of the world and the happiness of life. Why not try the plan and prove by practical observation the benefits that result.

Sincerely your friend,
La Park, Pa., Dec. 23, 1913. Geo. W. Park.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Dark of the Moon.—Mr. Park: Some people tell me that things planted in the dark of the moon will not bloom. Is there anything in it? I am trying it both ways.—Mrs. A. G. Reising, Jeff. Co., Ky.

Ans.—Planting by signs is not now generally believed or practiced. A few trials such as the inquirer suggests ought to prove the fallacy of the theory.

Flower Pests.—Mr. Park: An enemy is destroying my Verbenas, eating my plants, also my flowers. Can you give me a remedy? Something is also destroying the buds on my Carnations at night. I have put tobacco stems around them, and tobacco juice, but they are still bothered. How shall I get rid of these pests?—E. M. H., Cotter, Ark., Nov. 16, 1913.

Ans.—Spray the plants with arsenate of lead, using one ounce of arsenate to two gallons of water. This is a poison that will destroy leaf-eating insects, but will not injure the foliage.

Hyssop.—Mr. Park: Kindly name the enclosed specimen for me. It is a very hardy perennial, staying green all winter, even up here in our cold climate. It has blue flowers very much the shape of Garden Sage, only of a darker blue. It grows about 18 inches high.—Mrs. Frank A. Heath, Grand Forks Co., N. D., 1913.

Ans.—The specimen is of *Hyssopus officinalis*, commonly known as Hyssop. It is a medical herb, blooming throughout the summer, the foliage having a rich, aromatic odor. An infusion of the blooming branches with the foliage, is used as an expectorant, especially in chronic cases of catarrh in old or debilitated people. It is easily propagated from seeds, or by division of the clumps.

Pruning Plants.—Mr. Park: In potting Carnations, Tea Roses and other plants, should I trim off the straggling or extra branches in order not to overburden the roots and prevent prompt growth?—Mrs. C. F. W., Meade Co., Kas., Dec. 13, 1913.

Ans.—In transplanting any kind of plant or shrub or tree, it is always well to prune away the superfluous branches, and to cut back the tops to encourage a bushy or symmetrical growth. The pruning should always be done with reference to the roots. If in digging the plants many roots have been mutilated or destroyed, the top should be cut back accordingly.

Clerodendron.—Mr. Park: Will you kindly give directions for the culture of *Clerodendron Balfouri*? I have a plant three years old, but it has not bloomed. It is in a five-pound pail with good soil. It is a lovely vine, the leaves a dark green and healthy looking, but the plant does not bloom.—Mrs. J. D. C., Blanchard, Idaho, Oct. 17, 1913.

Ans.—*Clerodendron Balfouri* should be grown in a rather small pot, that is, the plant should become root-bound. It is a tropical plant, and requires considerable heat and sunshine to develop buds and flowers. When the growth becomes inactive withhold water, giving only enough to keep the plant from wilting. Continue this treatment for several weeks, then gradually increase the water supply and encourage growth. By this means the plant should be brought into bloom. It likes a sandy, porous soil with good drainage. Fertilize the plant with bonedust stirred into the surface soil.

Moon Vine.—Mr. Park: I have a large Moon Vine, started last summer, but it did not bloom. Will it live through the winter outdoors, or is it an annual?—T. A. Edwards, Madison Co., Ky., Nov. 14, 1913.

Ans.—The Moon Vine is a perennial, but generally treated as an annual. It can be propagated by cuttings, and if the top is cut back every fall and the plant kept in a rather dry state, it will grow and bloom the next season. It will, however, be injured in a cold and freezing climate, and cannot be wintered outdoors at the North.

Narcissus in the House.—Mr. Park: Will you kindly tell me if Narcissus bulbs do well in the house during winter, and can they be bedded out in the spring?—C. A. Mulkin, Potter Co., Pa.

Ans.—Perhaps the various kinds of *Narcissus* are more successful grown in the amateur's window than any other class of hardy bulbous flowers. The plants do not suffer from the dry atmosphere of the room, or from cold, heat, gas, etc., as do many other plants. The *Polyanthus* varieties are especially adapted for the house, and are almost sure to bloom well. They will grow in water as well as in pots of earth, but when grown in water the bulbs are of little value afterwards, being exhausted. Bulbs that have bloomed in the house can be bedded out in spring, and allowed to take care of themselves.

Bulbs after Blooming Indoors.—Mr. Park: How should hardy bulbs be treated after blooming in pots during the winter?—Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Idaho, Nov. 24, 1913.

Ans.—After blooming in pots in the window, continue watering until the foliage begins to fade, then gradually dry the bulbs off, setting them in a sunny situation until the foliage is entirely dead, when the bulbs may be placed in the cellar, where they will remain cool and dry until planting time next autumn. They can then be bedded out in the garden, and some of them may bloom the following spring. Avoid planting until rather late in the season, otherwise the buds may push up before winter and be injured by frost. Bulbs that have been grown in water are generally worthless, and might as well be thrown out, unless wanted for propagation, and even for this purpose they are hardly worth saving.

Poultry Manure.—Mr. Park: Is fresh litter from the poultry house suitable for covering beds of bulbs and plants during winter? I use fallen leaves, but thought some fertilizer would be of benefit.—Mrs. A. J. Grant, Fayette Co., Ia., Oct. 6, 1913.

Ans.—Manure from the poultry house might be used to fertilize a bed of bulbs, if pulverized and applied sparingly in autumn after the planting is done. As a rule, however, it is better to pile the material up with ashes or common soil and sand, alternating the materials in layers. Allow it to remain until spring, then stir well before using. Poultry manure is too rich to apply freely to the soil, as it is liable to injure the plants unless composted. The best fertilizer and protection for a bed of bulbs is fresh stable litter. This can be applied as a mulch rather thickly, and in spring the strawy part can be raked off and removed.

MY WHITE CRINUM.

IT CAME to me in May from South Carolina, in exchange from a floral friend in that State. There were three, a pink Crinum, a white Crinum, and a giant Spider Lily. The three weighed six pounds. Some bulbs? They surely were. All have grown finely, but the white Crinum alone has bloomed so far. I hope another season to see the others blossom, as they surely must be "blooming size bulbs."

But one evening in July I noticed a monstrous bud stalk about two inches high on the white Crinum, and I was sure it was not there the night before. I never saw anything grow as that did. This was Tuesday. On Friday it was 15 inches high and had four Lilies out. It had seventeen in all.

In a few days it had another flower stalk with fourteen Lilies, and in September still another. Three weeks ago I began to think it was too cold for them outdoors, so they were carried upstairs to a small room, through which a pipe from a coal stove goes, set down on the floor near this pipe, and left there. No water, no sun, very little light. This week we went up

to clean, and found another big bud stalk 16 inches tall, and just about to open. The Lilies are pure white and deliciously sweet. It has only one fault: it does not open wide enough to suit me.

It is growing in a small water pail, quite small, too, not over eight quarts. The bulb goes nearly to the bottom, and considerable of it is above the dirt, too. The soil is just rich from an old hot-bed, and it has good drainage. I firmly believe a Crinum to be a most satisfactory plant, but be sure you get a good, big bulb; then give it alternate drouth and water. The others are making a great growth since they came in where it is uniformly warm. Perhaps they will soon bloom.

Mrs. E. Murray.

Saratoga Co., N. Y., Nov. 10, 1913.

A Bed of Asters.—There is nothing prettier than a bed of large Asters, either mixed or of one color. Plant in permanent beds in May, and thin out. Have the soil mostly leaf mould and sand. Give thorough cultivation and plenty of water, if the weather is dry. There are the early, mid-season and late varieties. The Comet Asters are mostly tall-growing varieties about eighteen inches high, branching freely. The Improved Victoria has showy blooms on long stems.

Rose Abnett.

Orleans, Vt.



CRINUM.

EXPERIENCE IN POINSETTIAS.

THREE YEARS ago I received a present of two Poinsettias in one pot, with two Asparagus Ferns of the same size in with them. The red blossoms of the Poinsettias looked very handsome, just lightly resting on the tops of the dark green ferns. I hardly knew how to care for my plants after blooming, but just then the Magazine came, April number, I think, and it told about caring for Poinsettias after blooming. I followed directions carefully, cutting back my plants several inches and setting them in a shady place, and gave them almost no care. In a few months I took them out, repotted in good, rich soil, watered and set them in the window. They did well and bloomed at Christmas. So, I treated them the same the next year, with like results, and again this year, when they made a very large, thrifty growth and will be in bloom by Christmas. But I have never had them push out new shoots from the base, as described in the November number of the Magazine. They always started a good strong shoot two inches below where I had cut them off. The leaves are so large and evenly veined, so clean-looking and free from insects! Several people told me this summer they had never seen such handsome Poinsettias, even in a greenhouse. I am very much pleased with my plants.

Castine, Me.

Mrs. F. J. C.

Chinese Sacred Lilies.—The so-called Chinese Sacred Lily is a variety of *Polyanthus Narcissus*, bearing large clusters of deliciously-scented flowers, having a small, golden trumpet and a pure white perianth. The bulbs are best grown in water surrounded by pebbles. After the bulbs are placed set the dish away in the dark until roots are well-formed, then bring to the light. Change the water occasionally, using rainwater, if procurable.

J. H. Anderson.

Snyder, Okla., Nov. 3, 1913.

Ferns.—The very first time I tried to raise Ferns from spores I had plants by the score. There were Sword Ferns, several varieties of *Pteris*, three or four sorts of the much loved Maiden Hair, and various other kinds. One of them, name unknown to me, I sold for a dollar.

Alice H. Byrd.

Lawrence, Kas., Oct. 29, 1913.

Keeping Cannas and Caladiums.—I have succeeded for several years in keeping Cannas and Caladiums over winter by planting the roots in earth and watering just enough to keep signs of growth. I failed so many times in wintering these roots dried off that I write this for the benefit of some floral sister who would like to know my way.

Geauga Co., O.

Ima.

Hardy Bulbs.—My hardy bulbs all grow fine, in common garden soil enriched by soil from the hen yard.

Mrs. L. B. Zastre.

W. Quincy, Mass., Oct. 23, 1913.

VIOLETS.

EVERYBODY loves Violets. Here in the South we use them for edging beds and borders, walks and driveways. Nothing else seems quite so suitable. They make a neat, close, pretty growth, their foliage is cheerful, and when they are in bloom in the fall and in the spring the long lines of purple are entrancing, and all the air is sweet with the breath of them. Because we want to pick the flowers we keep the plants in rows. But they do make lovely beds, and they are beautiful mounded about tree roots and terraces—veritable banks of sweetness.

For winter blooming Violets may be planted in rich beds that have the benefit of a southern exposure. The beds should be carefully surrounded by boards about 18 inches broad. Cheese cloth stretched over the board frame will be a sufficient protection where the winters are not extremely severe, and the large, sweet purple Violets will bloom beautifully.

In Southern gardens there is a little, crumpled, short-stemmed blue Violet that is sweeter than anything else in all the world. But the ordinary large fragrant sort is prettier. We have a "Baby Blue" Violet that originated in a Southern city and is not catalogued that is very large and lovely and sweet. Some of



VIOLET PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

the white Violets grow upon very short stems, but there are desirable varieties.

We have many wild Violets that are exceedingly pretty, and they transplant well and make themselves quite at home. But none of them are fragrant. A pale yellow, scentless Violet spreads itself in shady gardens and blooms later than other sorts. It is an attractive little fellow.

To my way of thinking, a Violet needs to be fragrant, purple, single, large, long-stemmed and hardy. But for all that the flower-lover's heart goes out to the exquisite double sorts that bloom so readily in winter. These need to be planted in broad, shallow pans or boxes, in very fine rich soil. They like good drainage and plenty of water and a rather cool room where it is very light. The stems are long and they are intensely fragrant. There are dark and light blues and several

varieties of white. If one has a sunny cellar window they would do well in it, but with proper care they are satisfactory in a sitting-room window.

These double Violets are not expensive, and two or three plants soon cover a large box. They are sure to bloom, and their blossoms are always very highly prized. As soon as one Violet is open the whole room is sweet with its wonderful perfume. I once knew a woman who grew them in old dishpans, because no other vessel could be lifted about so easily, and none was just so nearly right. Sometimes these pans were perfect masses of white or blue in dead of winter when flowers are scarce. The sight of them, the smell of them! They actually seemed too good to be true. Sometimes little knots of them went to friends, into sick-rooms, to the little girl who was putting on her wedding dress, to the mother who was giving her baby back to God. Is there a place that is not just right for Violets?

Why not try a collection of all varieties? The hardy ones that you do not happen to have are easily obtained. Have you seen the Baby Blue ones? They are perfectly hardy. The double ones set in the summer will bloom in the winter, and you find them in all catalogues. I have liked Swanley white and Marie Louise blue the best, but get a few plants of all sorts. You are sure to like them. One little plant in a tiny pot as a gift to a friend when two or three Violets are open is too cute for anything.

E. F. W.
Iredell Co., N. C.

White Perennial Pea.—When there is an especially pretty flower in bloom in my flower garden I try to describe to my floral sisters the best I can within my power its beauty, and I write now of the beauty of the white Perennial Pea. The flowers are shaped like the pink Perennial Pea, but pure white and waxy in texture, the foliage being deep green and thrifty. I had had the pink Pea in my garden for years, and received the plant of white from a floral sister in exchange. It traveled many miles and was carefully planted, and this year rewarded me for my work by blossoming freely.

Ima.
Geauga Co., O.

A Window Garden.—Let me tell you of a window garden a friend of mine had, and all you who read this can have a similar one at slight expense. She bought two dozen Hyacinth bulbs and planted them in boxes that she had painted green. She put them in the cellar, watered twice in six weeks, then brought them up and placed them in the window. She also had Geraniums and Asparagus Fern, which make a very attractive window garden for winter. If those who are successful in flower raising would remember those who are not, what a lot of cheer they can bring.

Orleans, Vt.

Rose Abnett.

A FLORAL WHEELBARROW.

DID YOU ever have one? They are very attractive, and especially nice for rocky places on the lawn where nothing will grow. I had a man to make mine of twisted roots and limbs, but an old wheelbarrow with knots and twigs tacked over it to give the rustic effect would do extremely well.

First catch your wheelbarrow, then, and get it to look woodsy and rustic. Then tack a board firmly across the open front—or is it the back! Just which end is the front of a wheelbarrow, anyway? It's the handle end that's open, and that is where you tack the board. Then you fill the body of the vehicle with very rich earth. It will be leaky and drainy enough, if it's an old one, without making any holes in it. Put it where you want it to bloom and then plant what you want right in it. It makes the finest Tulip or Hyacinth bed you ever saw. But it is lovely for choice plants set out in the spring. I think I like Heliotrope better than anything else for it. Somehow this lovely plant seems to want to be held up from the earth, and this mode of planting does that.

Nasturtiums are fine, the long, traily, decorative sorts with a clump of Cannas for height. Anything that you like will be all right. But it is well to select something that is likely to look well a good while. Your wheelbarrow will look like a real load of flowers just left on the lawn. If you haven't seen one you don't know how very pretty it is. And the watering helps the grass in that bad spot. Of course, you can change it if you wish.

Iredell Co., N. C.

E. F. W.

Hardy Hibiscus.—Among the tall class of herbaceous shrubs there is not any that is more showy than the Hardy Hibiscus. Dying down in the fall, the sturdy shoots will appear in late spring and by September be in their best bloom. I have three colors, light pink, dark pink and white with red eye. The white one is the largest, measuring eight inches across a bloom. They can be easily raised from seed, but generally it is best to get root cuttings that are very strong and woody. They never winter-kill. The pink one I have has stood in the same corner for fifteen years. They have no fragrance, but they are beautiful just the same.

Ima.

Geauga Co., O., Sept. 4, 1913.

Buttercup Oxalis.—This is a window plant that blooms very satisfactorily almost the entire winter. The flowers are of light yellow shade and of excellent growth. Three bulbs are a sufficient number for a pot. In spring, after drying off, set away, watering just enough to keep the bulbs from drying out. About September I repot and set away to root. When rooted bring to the light. They like a soil not too rich and moderately watered, with plenty of sunlight.

Mrs. J. H. Anderson.

Snyder, Okla., Nov. 3, 1913.

MY SEED BED.

IHAVE several beds 16 feet long and three feet wide, so that a width of factory cloth or unbleached sheeting will just cover and tack over the edge; so I saw the end boards two inches short of three feet. Most of my beds are made of fence boards. Some are 12 inches deep to protect plants that are quite large when set out. I spade and rake the beds ready to plant, then set these frames over for protection, plant the seeds and cover with the sheeting, and every seed comes up. I have often planted all sorts of flowers in April, and when the plants would be up two and three inches there would come a snow of three or four inches, which in a few days would go off, and the plant bed would look as fine as ever. Of course those frames and covers cost something, but when one gets them they will last for years, if taken care of.

Ashlton, S. D.

Mrs. J. H. Smith.

Senecio Pulcher.—In looking over some old magazines the other day I ran across what seemed to me is a new plant, and a very desirable one. I could find no catalogue but Dreer's, who listed it, and he made but brief mention, cataloguing as "totally distinct from all other perennials, and should be largely planted." It was spoken of as the beautiful Groundsel or Senecio Pulcher. "It comes from southern Brazil, but is quite hardy. The lower leaves are about ten inches long, and with those of the stem are finely divided and of a glossy green color. The stems about three feet high are terminated by clusters of bloom of a brilliant purple color with a golden disk, the heads being at least three inches across. It blooms in late summer and autumn, when bright and lively flowers are welcome." Such an enthusiastic account of this plant makes me desirous of learning more about it. Does Senecio Elegans belong to the same family?

Ida A. Cope.

San Jose, Calif.

A City Garden.—Our garden is at the rear of the house, and in the center is the lawn, about 18 by 25 feet. Around the lawn we have a space of about eight feet, which I keep for plants and shrubs. At the side of the house we have an alley. A brick path is in the center of it, and on each side are Ferns and plants from the woods. The sunniest part of the alley I keep for Sweet Peas. In front of the house we have a flag pole, around which we have rocks. Between the rocks I have planted Ferns, Ivy and different shrubs. This last season I have taken in my Geraniums, and have placed them among other plants in the window garden. They do not seem to grow. About half of them died and the others have no leaves. The temperature of the room is about 55°.

Marie C. Eckers.

Jersey City, N. J.

TULIPS.

TULIPS are very easily raised, and very satisfactory as cut flowers and for lawn decoration. I have often wondered that they were not generally cultivated. This last spring my curiosity was gratified. I advertised my Tulip blossoms for sale, and received inquiries regarding their culture. One wanted to plant Tulip seeds. Several were sure the beds should be planted in spring. Many had no idea that a Tulip bed would blossom more than once, or that other plants could be grown after the Tulips had blossomed. I hope I have encouraged some to attempt their culture.

In Colorado I like to set my bulb beds in October, but I have grown some fine flowers from bulbs set as late as December.



SINGLE TULIPS.

I set my Tulips and Hyacinths six inches apart and six inches deep. I fill in under and around the bulbs with sand, as they are less likely to rot. This bed contained two hundred and fifty bulbs, and not one failed to grow and bloom. When freezing weather came and the ground was

hard I had a light

mulching of leaves spread over the surface with just enough dirt to hold them in place. I used just one kind of Tulip, red with a dark center, and the bed was admired by all who saw it. We were only permitted the enjoyment of it a few days, for they were planted partly for commercial purposes. Tulips come in just right for Decoration Day, when flowers are scarce, and mine defrayed the cost of bulbs, and a neat profit besides.

Soon after cutting the Tulips I set the bed to Asters, and while my bulbs were ripening for next year's crop of flowers my Asters were getting sturdy and strong. I hope to capture some of the prizes at the Aster show next fall.

Margaret M. Mann.

Boulder, Col.

Linaria.—Last spring I sowed some seeds of Linaria. It was late and the plants had but little care, but they grew fine and soon began to bloom. I had flowers of various shades, and some had yellow throats. They bloomed all summer, and until everything was frozen. I shall have a big bed of them next year.

Mrs. Thompson.

Seattle, Wash.

Bulbs for Winter.—For winter-blooming no bulbs are as sure to bloom as Polyanthus Narcissus, French, Roman and Dutch Hyacinths. For an early and late display plant Tulips.

Rose Abnett.

Orleans, Vt.

AMARYLLIS.

LAST WINTER a lady in Massachusetts wrote me that she had fine, choice kinds of Amaryllis that had been imported by an elderly man, an enthusiastic florist who was wealthy, and had imported them from Europe at a big price. At his death they were sold to her for a merely nominal sum, and having no room for them she sold them to me for the price she paid. I was delighted with the chance. They were magnificent big bulbs, and came in such good condition. They grew through the summer, and such wide green leaves I had never seen before. Now they are peacefully resting on the upper pantry shelf, and oh! how I hope to see them bloom this winter.

I have also one of Park's Aigberths, a J. C. Childs, a Veitch seedling, three Prince of Orange, three Burbank hybrids, four Regina, and four Equestre, and three pots of Johnssonii. Every one of these is a big bulb, and should bloom for me this winter or spring.

My latest acquisition is an Empress of India, an enormous bulb. I have had it a month, and it is growing fine, but shows no bud yet. Besides these I have several unnamed ones which I got in exchange.

I have also three pots of Valotta purpurea or Scarborough Lily, and I think if I could grow only one Amaryllis or even one house plant, it would be this. I saw two specimens last summer. One was in an old agate kettle. There were ten bud-stalks from twelve bulbs, but none were open yet. This friend gave me 20 bulbs, large and small; none, I think, were of blooming size. The other had nine stalks on ten bulbs. Each stalk had three or four Lilies on, all out at one time. I never saw any thing so perfectly gorgeous in my life. These Lilies bloom in August, and some call them simply August Lilies. I just went into a perfect transport of delight over it, and its owner dug up three big bulbs, flowers and all, and gave them to me. He was a German, fat and middle aged, but I never saw any man who looked as beautiful to me as he did. Surely another summer I shall have some of them for my very own flowers.

I also have a fine large plant of Imantophylum or Clivia. This is a rare old plant seldom seen. It has leaves very thick and dark green, is evergreen, has thick, fleshy roots like the Agapanthus, and flowers similar to Valotta, except in color. They are a soft salmon. When well established the plants can be wintered in the cellar, and should be disturbed only when absolutely necessary. [To be continued.]

Mrs. E. Murray.

Saratoga Co., N. Y., Nov. 11, 1913.

Vinca.—This lovely flower can be raised from seeds. I had three colors, pink, white and white with red eye. I started them in the house in March. If flower-lovers once try them they will never be without them.

Macon, Mo.

Mrs. Cora Fancher.



FLORAL POETRY.

THE WIND.

Lo! out from the Everywhere softly I come,
And, singing a sweet little, low little song
My harp with light fingers I carelessly thrum,
As through the dim forest I loiter along.
(Ah, list to my music so hauntingly sweet!
My mood is the lover's, whose joy is complete.)

See where, in green branches, are cradles of down,
Sheltering wee feathered, satiny heads;
So gently I bend o'er the slumberers brown,
And rock them, and swing them, and croon o'er
(Ah, list to my lullaby tender and mild!
My mood is the mother's, who sings to her child.)

Now dances the firefly athwart the warm dark,
A-swinging his lamp in itinerant quest;
I start in pursuit of the flickering spark,
Then pause while I ruffle the river's calm breast.
(Ah, list to my carol so lilting and gay!
My mood is the child's, in its innocent play.)

I enter the dwelling where sorrow abides,
And sigh round the couch where the night taper
[burns;
I grieve with the watcher where death's shadow
[hides,
My voice in a prayer o'er the silent one years.
(Ah, list to my threnody, life's joy is fled!
My mood is the mourner's, who weeps for the
[dead.)

Then lo! in a fury the forest I sweep;
I crush the wee birds to the earth's shrinking
[breast,
And loudly I roar where the pale one doth sleep.
And lash the still river to perfect unrest.
(Ah, list to my pæan of unholy joy!
My mood is the demon's, who seeks to destroy.)

Behold! I am monarch of earth, sea and sky,
I blow where I list, and no curb knows my will;
In the Garden of Eden a mystery, I.
Thro' ages unknown, am a mystery still.
(Ah, list to my strophes, wild, tender and gay!
Unseen, o'er the world I forever hold sway.)

Bolivar, W. Va. Blanche A. Wheatley.

WINTER TWILIGHT.

To me the winter twilight seems
For meditations deep and dreams;
Unloosed from daily fear
I grasp a giant spear,
And pierce the'clods of leadening girth
That bind my spirit down to earth.

To me the end of brumal day
Is greater far than kingly sway;
Within the passing hour
I feel a vibrant power
Fast coursing through my eager veins,
And live anew while twilight reigns.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 11, 1913. Bert Morehouse.

AN AXIOM.

That like produces like, how well we know;
But even Nature sometimes jumps a cog!
For do the vegetables, each year we grow,
Look like the pictures in the catalog?

Shelbyville, Ind. Alonzo L. Rice.

YESTERDAY.

I met you, dear, just a year ago,
When the fragrant Roses were in flower,
When the meadows broad were wet with dew,
And the Mockingbird in his leafy bower
Sang to his mate the whole day through;
And it seems but yesterday.

Our hearts were light and our souls were free,
As together we wandered by the silver stream,
Thinking not of the cares that lie
In the path of love's young dream,
But ready and eager the trail to try;
And it seems but yesterday.

Remember, dear, how I sat by your side,
As you lay 'neath the great Oak tree?
'Twas then I knew that for you I would live,
And I longed to be loved by thee,
With a love as strong as the love I should give;
And it seems but yesterday.

And don't you remember, at the fall of dusk,
We strolled down the long shady lane,
At the close of a day of an ideal life,
Then down to the little red depot again,
And back to the city of toil and strife?
And it seems but yesterday.

In after years when we are old,
And all but a few of our days have flown,
We'll look back o'er life's great play,
Through which our love has stronger grown,
And recall our happy youth, and say
That it seems but yesterday.

Phenix, Mo. Chester D. Rowton.

THE OLD FARM GATE.

On rusty hinges it hangs there still,
The old farm gate at the foot of the hill,
Moss-grown and useless, now open wide;
I stand and dream by its shattered side:
A winding path that leads to the wood,
A lone thrush singing in plaintive mood,
The distant hum of the busy mill,
A vine-clad cot at the foot of the hill.

Again the children rolle and shout
At the close of day when the bats come out
And dart and dive, in the twilight there,
After the caps that are tossed in the air;
The old dog leaps from his kennel to run
And join in the evening frolic and fun;
A neighbor stands till the hour is late,
Telling the news by the old farm gate.

A mountain stream, a still, deep pool,
Homeward bound when the day is cool,
Around a bonfire fishermen file
And cook their trout in Indian style;
From the old dark turn the children flee
When a great owl hoots in the White Oak tree.
Captive memories play at will
Where the farm gate hangs at the foot of the hill.

Waitsfield, Vt.

S. Minerva Boyce.

UNDER THE SNOW.

Where are the flowers which in summer delighted
us?

Where are the blossoms we once used to know?
Gone from our sight are the charms which invited
Buried till springtime again has united us, [us,
Gone are the flowers, buried deep by the snow.

Sparkling and soft is the beautiful coverlet
Nature has spread over garden and field.
Still on the Oak trees a few brown leaves hover yet,
Chestnuts there are which the squirrels discover yet,
Down in the grass by the snow half concealed.

Hasten, sweet flowers, oh! hasten to come again,
Sad and impatient we wait for the spring.
Glad shall we be when the winter wind's dumb
again,
Happy and joyful to hear the bees' hum again,
Glad shall we be when we hear the birds sing.
Cleveland, O. Sybil B. Hall.

GO INTO THE GARDEN.

I SUPPOSED I was growing gloomy, for truth to tell, life did not look so pleasant as I could wish, and as I sat in meditative mood looking mournfully downward through the years, I grew more and more downcast. Then, like an inspiration, came the thought of my garden.

It was a delightful summer morning. One would hardly think of "blues" except in comparing shades of sky. I must have been morbid. Into my garden I went and found something to do besides muse fancies and coddle imaginary evils. I used the weeder busily an hour, when I found myself in a fine perspiration, with such a sense of the goodness of life that I wondered where my melancholy feelings had flown. The joy of beholding! The joy of intimate acquaintance with flowers! What lessons of hope, and courage and trust they teach! How can one fail to grasp a larger and fuller conception of life? My dear half-sick, half-well friend, do not fail of a flower garden, whatever else your dominion may be short in.

If your home is in the great city, far away from green fields and blooming meadows, and from land-room that seemingly knows no bounds, can you not control a small spot where a few Geraniums may be cultivated, if nothing more? This will get you out sometimes and give you a very small amount of the joy I have mentioned. Failing this—garden spot I mean, not joy—is there not a sunny, sloping roof, perhaps a story below you, where you can place some boxes well-filled with good soil? It is surprising how much gardening may be done in this way. And failing this, there is always inside where a cheerful window may be filled. But it is the out-of-doors I am after in this letter. Working the ground in the free, life-giving air brings a reward in health not to be found in boxes or bottles with a patent medicine label. And it chases away gloom, too. It gives a zest to the beautiful side of life, and creates a desire to live more worthily.

And there is another consideration. Flowers do not get out of fashion. Many of the beautiful Roses and Pinks of long ago are blooming today. Perhaps, all things considered, nothing pays better in satisfaction and contentment, unless it be duty well done, than a flower garden, country or town.

I wish to say, as an appendix, that friends of the Magazine who have sometimes sent seeds or appreciated words of my articles, I kindly thank you all. L. Eugenie Eldridge.

So. Chatham, Mass.

Foxgloves.—Last summer I bought six plants of Foxgloves, white and pink. Why do not more grow these magnificent flowers, which survive the heat, drouth and poor soil, three requisites I am looking for in flowers.

Alamo, Mich. Mrs. Martha A. Peck.

STAKING PLANTS.

I STAKE tree-like plants with strong wire stakes, and, indeed, all my plants that need support, even the Dahlias and Cannas, are successfully staked with strong wire. For the house plants I get wire of lighter weight. I got a blacksmith to make me a wedge-shaped wire cutter, and set it in a small solid block that I can move about where wanted. Laying the wire on this a few strokes of the hammer cut the wire as wanted. I cut them long enough to bend over in a bow-shape, sticking both ends into the ground deep enough to stand solid. For a large, heavy plant I put two of these stakes, crossing them at the top. In that way they will stand the hardest wind, which we get plenty of in Dakota. These rolls of wire do not cost very much, and last for years. I have rooted several very tall single branches of Geranium to make trees of next year. They are so handsome and a great curiosity to people who never saw one.

Ashton, S. D.

Mrs. J. H. Smith.

Training the Trumpet Creeper.

—Two or three years ago I set a chestnut pole four or five inches in diameter, and some ten or twelve feet tall, where I wanted a Trumpet Creeper or Vine to grow, then I set my vine, and now it has reached the top of the pole. It is, I think, a very nice way to train the vine. This vine, covering the pole as it does with its foliage and large clusters of flowers, is very ornamental. When in bloom it is truly a beautiful object to have on the lawn or elsewhere about the home. Something of beauty ought to be planted about the farm every year. Many persons put it off from year to year, and never do much towards beautifying the home. Why not begin now?

Steuben Co., N.Y., Oct. 16, 1913. F.H.Dow.

Sunflowers for a Background.

—I wish to call attention to a neglected flower deserving of more attention than it gets—the Sunflower, tall-growing, with bright yellow flowers, like sunbursts among the shrubbery. The tall habit and showy foliage make the plants desirable for the background or for a screen. Their long stems and lasting qualities make them valuable as cut flowers. Plant the seeds in the open ground in spring, about corn-planting time, and thin to two feet or more apart, according as the plants are of dwarf or tall kinds.

Rose Abnett.

Orleans, Vt.

Coleus.—Many admired our Coleus that came from seeds. One plant-lover said they were the finest she ever saw, and one of our local florists was glad of cuttings from some of them. The ease with which they are grown from seeds, and the quick returns they make, should recommend them to all amateur florists.

Alice H. Byrd.

Lawrence, Kas., Oct. 20, 1913.



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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old, and in the fourth reader. I have a dog called Jip and a cat named Ted. My mamma has four geese, also chickens. The geese are named Jimmy, Speckles, Rosy and John. We have five cows and two horses. The horses' names are Joe and Dick. I love flowers and birds, and will exchange postals.

Wyldon Newell.

Greenfield, Mo., Nov. 11, 1913.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am eight years old and like to read the Children's Corner in the Magazine. I help my mamma with the dishes. I have a sister named Wyldon. My papa has five cows named Bossie, Whittie, Jersey, Red, and Yellow. Bossie is my cow and I milk her when it is not too cold. I can turn the cream separator.

Greenfield, Mo., Nov. 11, 1913. Cecyle Newell.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am an old lady, but I always feel interested in the Children's Corner and read their letters. I thought, perhaps, some of the little folks would like to hear about our bantams. I have a little white bantam that was eleven years old last June. She has feathered out this fall and looks as slick and white as a young bantam. She sings and struts around as bright as you please; but she has not laid an egg for three years. Her name is Bab and she knows it, and will jump up on my lap at any time. Then we have an old cat that was 15 years old last spring. He is a Maltese and his name is Nick. He weighed 19 pounds the last time we weighed him, a couple of years ago, and he is no thinner now. Everyone who sees him thinks him such a big cat.

H. A. Kelley.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 11, 1913.



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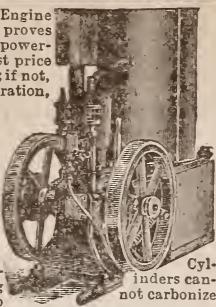
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Mrs. W. A. Wickersham.
Dallas, Texas, Sept., 20, 1913.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Floral Magazine for more than five years, and look for it every month. I always renew my subscription before time is due, to be sure I will get it without missing a copy.

Mrs. Alfred P. Baker.

Tazewell Co., Ill. July 2, 1913.

Mr. Park:—Enclosed find my subscription to your Magazine for three years. I am in love with your Magazine. I am very fond of flowers and gather so much instruction from its pages concerning them.

Mrs. L. M. Moll.

Westfield, N.J.

Mr. Park:—I have been a subscriber to your very interesting Magazine for a number of years and I consider it one of the best of its kind published for real and useful information to the growers of flowers and shrubs. Besides, all the bulbs you sent me have given the best satisfaction, and were as represented. It is no wonder that your house controls the trade of a very thankful people. Wishing you a continued and merited success in the future, I am,

R. R. Carew.

Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 4, 1913.

WORK AT HOME



CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 15 years old and enjoy the letters in the Magazine. We live on the stage line to Yosemite Valley, and are not far from the Mariposa Big Trees, which certainly are well named. I go a mile to school, and I am the only one in the eighth grade. I am very fond of flowers, and next year I am going to try to have a lawn and a flower bed. I also like the Magazine.—Nipinnanawasee, Madera Co., Calif., Nov. 15, 1913.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 13 years old and live on a farm of 110 acres. We have nine horses, 11 cattle, and several sheep and hogs. I have a flower bed in the front yard, and have many kinds of flowers in it. We do not keep cats, as they catch and kill the little birds. I have a pet squirrel which I feed Hickory Nuts and Walnuts. It is a good pet. Elsie M. Bradley.

Broomfield, Ky., Dec. 4.
1913.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been taking your Magazine for a year, and I like the page of Children's Letters. I am 14 years old and in the eighth grade. I do not like cats because they kill birds. I have a Bantam hen for a pet. I love flowers. I live on a farm of 11 acres, with many fruits on it. We have two cows and six pigs. Ira Rattie.

Woonsocket, R. I., Sept. 19, 1913.



YOUR HOME

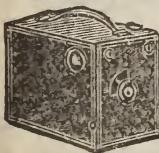
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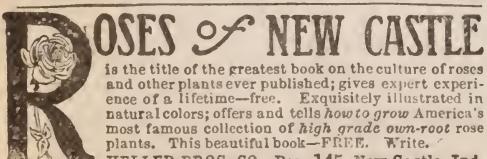
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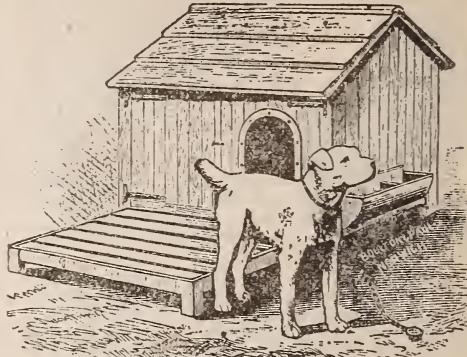
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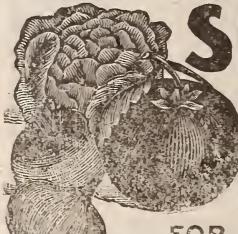
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CORRESPONDENCE.

From California.—Mr. Park: To me a country home is ideal, a Paradise on earth, when it is lived aright. It should not be without flowers and fruits, especially if there are children in the home, for there is nothing that will so refine and upbuild them as the beautiful things of life. Music and art should be in the home within, and flowers and fruit without, thus life can be a golden dream, regardless of the difficulties along its pathway. I know of this, for I have had both, from a country home with pigs and chickens to a superb property with all modern conveniences. But there is always some room for improvement. However nice our homes are, there are yet some touches to be made to make the home complete.

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It is fine for coolness in summer and warmth in winter, and when covered with clinging vines is a dream of perfect beauty. Our beloved Burbank has such a residence with these vines over it, excluding all but the doors and windows with leaves in summer, and deciduous in winter, though I do not know the name of the vines.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From Illinois.—Mr. Park: I have just been reading an article in Park's Magazine written by T. S. Weaver, of Vera, S. D., and I wish to warn Mr. Weaver that he is treading upon dangerous ground when he speaks so slightingly, so insultingly of one who has been such a blessing to humanity as has Frances Willard. Every one who can appreciate good, noble characters and unselfish deeds respects, loves and reverences the name of Frances E. Willard. Mr. Weaver describes her as "an old despised maid, who had no motherly feeling whatever." I think almost every one knows that, instead of being despised, Frances E. Willard is loved and honored throughout the United States today. In regard to the statement that "she had no motherly feeling," it is entirely baseless. If Frances Willard had no motherly instinct, what was it that prompted her to start that mighty movement toward worldwide prohibition? Her motive was none other than a feeling of sorrow and compassion for the boys and men who were falling under the awful curse of the liquor evil. She wanted to down this evil that was bringing so many to ruin, and it was her motherly interest that prompted her to start the crusade against liquor. Mr. Weaver also hints that her work has been fruitless. What then of the dry territories and the feeling of antagonism against drink in the world today? If there were fewer men so prejudiced and narrow the work of Frances E. Willard would be bearing more fruit than it is at the present time. As to the question of woman suffrage which he refers to, it is an accepted fact that all those who have intelligently studied the question of woman suffrage are agreed that it is the only right and safe way of using the ballot. The women are just as capable of using the ballot as the men, and they certainly will use it just as conscientiously as the majority of the men do.

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Belle Bickle, Tenn., Nov. 11, 1913.

[This contributor writes sensibly about the treatment of dumb creatures. It is wrong to mistreat any animal or insect or living creature, even if it is a despised beetle or worm. Every creature with life has feelings and sensibilities, and suffers from torture or mistreatment. To release a bag of cats in a neighborhood is a nuisance to the neighbors, as well as a cruel, inhuman and unchristian act. Another cruel thing is to leave the household cat or cats to remain at a house when the inmates move away. This is often done, thus encouraging bird-killing habits in the animals, and entailing a nuisance to the succeeding occupants. It is along this line that the hunter is to blame for his sport, and justly. It is safe to say that the hunter wounds and causes pain and suffering to as many animals as he kills outright, thus giving extended suffering and distress to the poor, crippled creatures that are dumb and unable to make known their sufferings and distresses. Is it manly or even human to thus cause pain and suffering to even the lowest of God's creatures? Can a refined mind and heart thus act without his conscience rising in accusation against him for his cruelty and indumancy?—Ed.]

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From Ohio. Dear Mr. Park:—I wish to say that the poem about the White Pilgrim was composed by Rev. John Ellis, for I have his book of poems, which I prize highly. I have heard Rev. Ellis preach, and he and his intelligent wife, Mrs. Caroline B. Ellis, are personal friends of mine. It is but just that we give credit to whom credit is due. I certainly appreciate the Magazine.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you is my prayer. Mrs. Rosa E. Londonback. Champaign Co., Ohio, Aug. 12, 1913.

From West Virginia.—Mr. Park: Your Magazine is the best of its kind we have ever read. It teaches so many things we want to know, and the poetry is just fine. Our children find among the poetry the nicest pieces to recite at school. I think there should be a club for the Magazine gotten up at every postoffice. How many sisters grow the Cinnamon vine? It makes a beautiful shade in so short a time.

Mrs. H. B. Hicks.

From New Jersey.—Mr. Park: Our garden is in the rear of the house. In the center is the lawn, about 18x25 feet, and around the lawn is a space eight feet wide which we keep in plants and shrubs. On the side of the house is an alley, through the center of which is a brick path, and on each side are Ferns and plants from the woods. The sunniest part of the alley I keep for Sweet Peas, which I enjoy very much. I have many Geraniums and other window plants, also a large collection of hardy shrubs and trees, which are a source of much pleasure to me, as I care for them myself, and take great interest in them. I enjoy your Floral Magazine very much, and am always anxious for its arrival, Jersey City, N. J.

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CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

Dear Mr. Park:—We have been taking your Magazine for two years, and we all try to get to read it first. Your flower hints are very helpful in raising our flowers. I am a girl 13 years old, and go to school every day. I like school, but would rather go horseback riding. I have a saddle horse named Prince, a very fast runner, and I run races on him very often. Postals exchanged.

Fallon, Nev. 1913. Leah Van Drielen.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 8 years old, and live on a farm. I am a lover of flowers. Mamma has a Hydrangea, five years old. It has bloomed two years. It blooms every other year. She has it planted in a tub on the east porch. Will it live planted in the yard, and why does it not bloom every year? Yetie Westerman.

Reburn, Ark., 1913.

Ans.—The Chinese Hydrangea is not hardy at the North, and must be grown in tub and given winter protection. The native Hydrangea and Hydrangea paniculata, as also Hydrangea Thomas Hogg are hardy. To bloom well the Hydrangea should be cut back in the spring, just before growth begins. When the plants are well ripened in autumn, and cut back in spring, they can generally be depended upon to bloom freely every season.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have a flower garden of my own, and twenty kinds of flowers in it. Among the nicest is the Bachelor's Button, also called Cornflower and Blue Bottle. It is the national flower of the German Empire. The boys and girls who have not got it should try to get some at once. It blooms nearly all summer. Seeds should be sown in August.

Clausie K. Ahlers.

Stronghurst, Ill.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 11 years old, and enjoy your Magazine. I love flowers and birds and music. My mamma and my sister take your Magazine. Mamma was pleased with the watch that she got for getting subscriptions for your Magazine. My Tulips came up and bloomed fine. I take care of my flowers as you advised me.

Ella S. Hinson.

Agnes, Ark., April 12, 1913.

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